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Dear Janice:

Thank you for your letter of August 13, 1987. I have made the wire reclaimer dioxin data available to our Air and Waste Divisions and have solicited their assistance in followup to the results.

Please be advised that our Superfund program has indicated it will pursue the Lake Salvage, Elgin, Alco and Allied sites from a site inspection standpoint, concentrating on additional sampling of soils. Donald Bruce is making specific arrangements and will be in contact with you shortly in the matter. Mr. Bruce can be reached at 312-886-7241.

As you already aware, our Air Program is providing additional assistance to your Air Division in the form of a contract to Midwest Research Institute to assess operating conditions and potential dioxin formation in several Illinois wire reclamation facilities. Carl Nash (312-886-6030) is the Region V contact.

I believe these efforts go some considerable distance in dealing with the concerns raised by the data provided in your letter. I am aware also that you have yet further concerns related to long term and multi-media aspects of exposure to wire reclaimer ash. As previously discussed, IEPA may wish to submit a research proposal to investigate such issues for potential funding in fiscal year 1988.

Sincerely yours,

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